



# THE MONSTER

J.T.C.

Me? I'm the greatest. I feel wonderful, business is fantastic and I'm getting richer every day.

You're a **genius**, A.J.!

That goes without saying...

You can't **even** make a decent cup of **coffee**! Do it **right** this time, or I'll get a secretary who **can**!

Yes, sir.

What a **monster**!

Now, **clean up this mess**! You **dumb broad**!

A.J.! I *did* it! I closed a \$5 million deal with Japan!

You *swine*! You flew 1st class. How *dare* you!

Pick up your check, Dudley...  
**YOU'RE FIRED!!**

God will *get* you for this, A.J.!

God?! I'm not afraid of God... what could He *possibly* do to *me*?

**BUT:** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." Proverbs 9:10a

Later

You're expecting bonuses, aren't you? But you've *disappointed* me this year. So, here's your bonus... you don't deserve it, but...

I'll *let* you keep your jobs. Merry Christmas!

Bob, this is Shirley Shepherd... My boss is a *monster!* I can't stand him. He's *so* awful that I've stopped praying for him!

You *mustn't* stop, Shirley. This is a battle for his *soul*. Listen to this scripture:

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.\*



Tonight we'll pray against these powers and claim your boss for Christ.

\*Ephesians 6:12

Lord, we come against Satan and his hold on Mr. Jennings. Do what it takes to save his soul. We pray in Jesus' name.



**AMEN!**

Now watch how God answers their prayer...


A week later

Sir, that 5 million dollar deal that Dudley set up... **backfired!** Now they're **suing** you.

**WHAT?**


I'm sorry... but there's more bad news.

Your son was arrested last night for selling drugs. The police are on line 1... Your daughter's on line 2 crying...



She says her boyfriend left her... and she's 3 months pregnant. Oh, and there's an angry lawyer outside.




A black and white comic panel showing a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a collared shirt. She is on the phone, with her hand near her ear. Her expression is one of worry or concern.

Bob! Man, is God ever working on Mr. Jennings!

He's a wreck.  
He's even asking *me* what he should do. I told him about you guys. Could you come over here?... Thanks, Bob.

1 hour later

A black and white comic panel showing a woman in a lab coat standing at a desk. She is leaning over a man who is lying face down on the desk, appearing to be asleep or unconscious. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of two other people are visible, looking towards the woman.

Mr. Jennings! My friends are here.

Uh... already?  
Ok, I'll see them.



Last week everything was fine, but now my life has fallen apart! Shirley said you might be able to help me. Can you?



Yes, A.J.! Sometimes we *all* need guidance, and *mine* comes from the *Bible*.

There is a story that sounds exactly like what you're going through... I know it will give you the answer you need.



*Really?* Then *tell* it to me!

This story is found in Daniel, Chap. 4.

When King Nebuchadnezzar ruled the Babylonian Empire, it was the most powerful on earth... and the king was a ruthless, heartless *tyrant* who ran over *anything* in his path.



Do you know anybody like that, A.J.?

I can't *think* of anyone.

Oh, brother!



and had put the prophet Daniel into  
King Nebuchadnezzar's court as his  
top adviser. It was a very dangerous  
position.



Daniel was greatly loved of  
King and could interpret dreams  
because the King was with him.

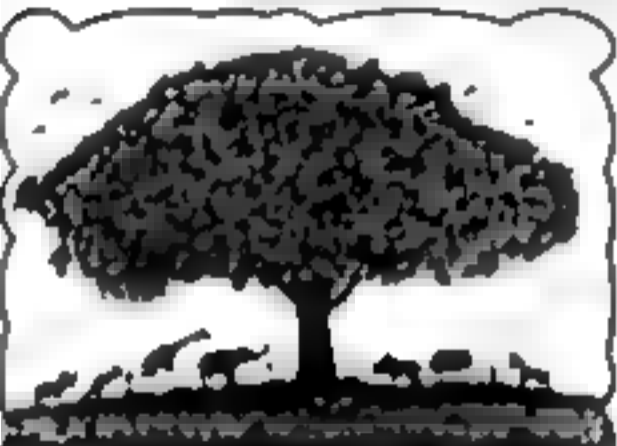
He had told the king a dream  
that made him afraid.



Bring me all the wise  
men of Babylon to  
interpret the dream.

They all came but none could  
help. Then Daniel came and  
told about the word dream.

This is the dream that God gave Nebuchadnezzar



There was a great tree full of fruit that fed the earth and gave shade to all the animals



But then a holy one from heaven stripped the tree bare and cut it down leaving only the stump

And a voice said

let a beast's  
heart be given  
unto him; and let  
seven times pass  
over him.

DANIEL, WHAT  
DOES IT MEAN?





You are that tree Your greatness reaches heaven and your kingdom covers the earth. If you give God the glory, you will keep your kingdom



but if not, you'll eat grass like an ox. So be careful ..


Please listen Stop sinning and do good. Show mercy to the poor maybe God will give you more time



Daniel I can be humble

But for how long?

Herubhedrazai did keep himself  
humble for one year. But that  
monster called pride got control.




Is not this great that I am  
that I have built. In the  
empire and power. In  
the name of my master.

Genesis  
4:30

And God heard every word.

While the word was in the king's  
mouth, God spoke.



THE KINGDOM IS  
DEPARTED FROM  
THEE!

The king went totally insane.



(had told him that he would be  
driven from man — eating like  
an owl — and it came to pass




The nightmare went on  
for seven long years

Then something wonderful happened!

What am I  
doing here?




The king's mind was restored  
and he came to his senses.



I bless the  
Most High!

At last he realized that God was in  
total control of all things, not himself,  
and because of his arrogance God  
had taken everything away.

After Nebuchadnezzar repented of his  
sin, the Lord restored his kingdom.



which was a  
lesson for all  
of us — like  
the Bible  
says: Pride  
goeth before  
destruction, and  
an haughty spirit  
before a fall.\*

\*Proverbs 16:18

What s that story got  
to do with me?



**Everything,**  
A J | You're like  
Nebuchadnezzar — He thought *he*  
was God. and so do *you!* You're  
just as wicked and arrogant and I  
hear that *nobody* likes you

even your *family*, and you treat  
your employees like *dirt*. God *hates*  
that. and you're on the way to hell



Bob you're scaring me to  
death. What shall I do?

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord. " Proverbs 16 5a

There is only *one* way you can go to heaven, A.J. Only Jesus can save you from hell.

Why Jesus?

Because He is *God Almighty*... He left heaven to *save your neck*.

The Lord Jesus became a *human sacrifice* for our sins.



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

He died, was buried, and rose from the dead three days later.

If you believe Him, you will be saved, "... but he that believeth not shall be damned."\*

Heaven or hell...  
The choice is yours!

There's only one  
choice for me...  
***I WANT JESUS!***


\*Mark 16:16

And so A.J. prayed from his heart:

Lord Jesus, I've been a *real monster*. I'm lost and full of sin and pride. Please *forgive* all my sins.

***Take over***  
***my life.***  
***Save me***  
and I'll give ***You*** the glory.  
Thank You, Lord. Amen.

***AND GOD TOOK OVER.***



We got that Japanese contract again!

"The Monster" gave us a raise and rehired Dudley!

Yes! And he made me a *partner!*

A.J. got *saved!* Jesus *took over* his life and He can do the same for *you!*

What happened to *mean* old A.J.? Even his *family* loves him!

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

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